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In the application of:

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TRANSMEMBRANE ANTIGENS EXPRESSED IN HUMAN CANCERS

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**EXAMINING GROUP 1642**

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENT THE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 FILED 3 JUNE 2002 AND NOT ENTERED

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment supplements and corrects an obvious error in the amendment submitted 3 June 2002. The accompanying Request for Continued Examination has requested entry of the previously filed amendment, and thus the present supplementary amendment assumes that this has been entered.

In the amendment previously submitted, applicants erroneously neglected to delete the phrase "which cancer expresses a STEAP-2 protein" from the claims. The claims as now presented merely require an immunological response, including the production of antibodies. It was understood from the discussion at the interview held on 18 March 2002, that this type of amendment would provide a satisfactory resolution to the outstanding rejection.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.